

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 02/11/2005.

TITLE: Alaska Region Logbook Family of Forms

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0213

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2005

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$ ,000)
Previous	86,846	36,705	188
New	95,174	41,219	199
Difference	8,328	4,514	11
Program Change		4,514	11
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

This approval is associated with the final rule published under RIN 0648-AS47. The agency is instructed to conduct a focused outreach campaign prior to submission of a request for extension for this ICR to validate burden estimates and elicit suggestions from the regulated community for reducing the burden of this program. The results of this campaign must be summarized in the submission.

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OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated  5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)	
Signature	Date
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature	Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
ALASKA REGION LOGBOOK FAMILY OF FORMS  
OMB CONTROL No.: 0648-0213**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in 1976 (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the crab fisheries in the waters off the coast of Alaska under the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab (Crab FMP). Amendments 18 and 19 amend the Crab FMP to include the Crab Rationalization Program (Program). Congress amended the Magnuson-Stevens Act to require the Secretary of Commerce to approve the Program Regulations implementing the FMP, which appear at 50 CFR part 680. Regulations at 50 CFR part 679 also pertain.

### **A. JUSTIFICATION**

#### **1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

The Program reallocates BSAI crab resources among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. This collection-of-information address's the changes to the Alaska Region Logbook Family of Forms collection-of-information brought on by the Crab FMP and implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 680. CR crab participants revise some of the forms originally created for use by groundfish participants to include use.

#### **2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with applicable NOAA Information Quality Guidelines.**

*Note: the forms and numbers discussed below pertain ONLY to the Crab Rationalization addition to this program. For a complete set of forms and numbers, please refer to Appendix I.*

##### **a. Product Transfer Report (PTR)**

The PTR information is used by NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) to verify the accuracy of reported shipments and to monitor movement of product in and out of the processor on a timely basis through inspections to verify proper accounting for fish landings. The PTR is revised for use by RCRs shipping CR crab. This action will add 43 participants.

Groundfish. The operator of a mothership or catcher/processor or the manager of a shoreside processor or SFP must complete and submit a separate PTR for each shipment of groundfish and donated prohibited species caught in groundfish fisheries.

IFQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, and CDQ halibut. A Registered Buyer must submit a separate PTR for each shipment of halibut or sablefish for which the Registered Buyer submitted an IFQ landing report or was required to submit an IFQ landing report

CR crab. A Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) must submit a separate PTR for each shipment of crab for which the RCR submitted a CR crab landing report or was required to submit a CR crab landing report.

#### Exceptions to submittal requirements

Bait sales (non-IFQ groundfish only). During one calendar day, the operator or manager may aggregate and record on one PTR the individual sales or shipments of non-IFQ groundfish to vessels for bait purposes during that day, recording the amount of such bait product shipped from a vessel or facility that day.

#### Retail sales

(a) IFQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, CDQ halibut, and non-IFQ groundfish. During one calendar day, the operator, manager, or Registered Buyer may aggregate and record on one PTR the amount of transferred retail product of IFQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, CDQ halibut, and non-IFQ groundfish if each sale weighs less than 10 lb or 4.5 kg.

(b) CR crab. During one calendar day, the RCR may aggregate and record on one PTR the amount of transferred retail product of CR crab if each sale weighs less than 100 lb or 45 kg.

Wholesale sales (non-IFQ groundfish only). The operator or manager may aggregate and record on one PTR, wholesale sales of non-IFQ groundfish by species when recording the amount of such wholesale species leaving a vessel or facility in one calendar day, if invoices detailing destinations for the entire product are available for inspection by an authorized officer.

#### **Product Transfer Report**

Whether an original or revised PTR

If revised PTR, confirmation number

Shipper information

If shipping, non-IFQ groundfish, processor's name, Federal fisheries or Federal processor permit number.

If shipping IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, Registered Buyer name and permit number.

If shipping CR crab, RCR name and permit number

If shipping non-IFQ groundfish, IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, and CR crab on the same PTR

Processor name and Federal fisheries permit number or Federal processor permit number

Registered Buyer name and permit number

RCR name and permit number

Representative name, telephone number and fax number

Transfer information

Receiver name and Federal fisheries or Federal processor permit number.

Start date and time and finish date and time of product transfer

Position of product transfer (mothership or catcher/processor only)

Port or location of transfer

Mode of transportation and intended route

Products shipping

Species and product code

Species weight (only if recording 2 or more species with 2 or more product types contained within the same production unit)

Number of units

Unit weight

Total weight

Offload information (mothership or catcher/processor only)

Whether the transfer is a total or partial offload

If a partial offload, for the products remaining on board after the transfer, enter for each product  
 Species code  
 Product code  
 Total product weight to the nearest kilogram or pound (indicate which)

<b>PTR, Respondent (Registered Buyers for IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, and IFQ sablefish)</b>	
Number of Registered Buyers respondents	800
No. of responses per respondent	12.5
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>10,000</b>
Hours per response (20/60 min)	.33 hr
<b>Total Time Burden</b> , all responses (10,000 x .33)	<b>3,300</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (3,300 x \$25)	<b>\$82,500</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> FAX (\$6 x 800 x 12.5)	<b>\$60,000</b>

<b>PTR Respondent ( Operators or Managers for non-IFQ groundfish)</b>	
Number of Respondents	205
No. of responses per respondent	35
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>7,175</b>
Hours per response (20/60min)	.33 hr
<b>Total Time Burden</b> , all responses (7,175 x .33=2367.75)	<b>2,368</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (2,368 x \$25)	<b>\$59,200</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> FAX (\$6 x 205 x 35)	<b>\$43,050</b>

<b>PTR Respondent (Processors and RCRs for CR crab)</b>	
No. of respondents	43
6 catcher/processors	
21 shoreside processors	
16 stationary floating crab processors	
No. of responses per respondent	35
<b>Total annual responses</b> (35 x 43)	<b>1505</b>
Hours per response (20/60 min)	.33 hr
<b>Total Time Burden</b> , all responses (1505 x .33=496.65)	<b>497</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (1505 x \$25)	<b>\$37,625</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> FAX (\$6 x 1505)	<b>\$9030</b>

<b>PTR, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>18,680</b>
Hours per response (10/60 min)	.17 hr
<b>Total Time Burden</b> , all responses (18680 x .17=3175.6)	<b>3176 hr</b>
<b>Total Personnel Cost</b> (3176 hr x \$25)	<b>\$79,400</b>

## **b. U.S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR)**

Prior to crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or the U.S.- Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, the operator of a vessel must submit a VAR if the vessel is 60 ft length over all (LOA) or longer and fish or fish product is onboard the vessel. When boarding a vessel, the OLE personnel or USCG boarding officers use VAR information to audit and separate product inventory. If a vessel does not file a VAR and has fish or fish product onboard when it enters the EEZ off Alaska, NMFS assumes the fish were harvested in U.S. waters. Without this requirement to submit a form prior to crossing, vessel operators may be more inclined to illegally fish in Federal waters and claim retained product was harvested from foreign or international waters.

The vessel activity report (VAR) is revised for use by the operators on crab vessels required to obtain a Federal Crab Fishing Vessel permit. This action will add 45 participants to the VAR.

#### **Vessel Activity Report (VAR)**

Whether an original or revised report  
 Vessel name and Federal fisheries permit number or RCR permit number  
 Vessel type  
 Representative name, telephone number, and FAX number  
 COMSAT number  
 Whether a return or depart report  
 Port of landing  
 Whether (YES or NO) vessel is returning from or departing to fish in the Russian zone  
 Date and time vessel will cross the EEZ off Alaska or U.S./Canada International boundary  
 between Alaska and British Columbia  
 Latitude and longitude at point of crossing  
 Fish or fish product onboard the vessel when crossing the EEZ  
 Harvest zone code where groundfish were harvested  
 Total product weight of fish product onboard by species and product codes

<b>U. S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR), Respondent</b>	
No. of respondents	715
No. of responses per respondent	2
<b>Total annual responses</b> (715 x 2)	<b>1430</b>
Hours per response (14/60)	0.23 hr
<b>Total Time burden</b> (1430 x 0.23 = 328.9)	<b>329 hr</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (\$25 x 329)	<b>\$8225</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> (FAX \$6 x 1430)	<b>\$8580</b>

<b>U. S. Vessel Activity Report (VAR), Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>1430</b>
Hours per response (30/60)	0.5 hr
<b>Total Time burden</b> (1430 x 0.5)	<b>715 hr</b>
<b>Total Personnel Cost</b> (\$25 x 715)	<b>\$17,875</b>

#### **c. Catcher Vessel Longline or Pot Gear Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL)**

Participants to record daily fishing activities in order to stay within fishing quotas use the DFL. OLE and the USCG to perform onboard audits to ensure appropriate and accurate recordkeeping use the DFL. With this revision, the Longline or Pot Gear DFL is revised to accommodate recording of crab.

Operators of catcher vessels harvesting CR crab revise the Longline or Pot Gear DFL for use. This action will add 200 participants to the Longline or Pot Gear DFL.

#### **Catcher Vessel Longline or Pot Gear Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL)**

Page number  
 Name and ADF&G vessel registration number of vessel  
 Federal fisheries permit number or Federal crab vessel permit number of vessel  
 Name and signature of operator  
 If inactive, start and end dates of inactive period, and reason for inactivity  
 Federal reporting area of catch  
 Observer information  
 Number of observers onboard  
 Name(s) of observer  
 Observer cruise number(s)

Crew size

Indicate type of harvest gear. If hook and line

Whether fixed gear (conventional or tub), autoline, or snap

Length of skate (ft)

Hook size, spacing (ft) and number per skate

Operator IFQ permit number

Crew IFQ permit numbers

If in a CDQ fishery

CDQ group number

Halibut CDQ permit number.

Indicate whether in special Management program, if YES, check type and enter identification number

Catch by set information

Set number

Date and time of gear deployment

Date and time of gear retrieval

Location of set

Buoy or bag number (an optional identification number of a buoy or bag, used to mark location)

Begin and end position in lat and long (to the nearest minute)

Begin and end depth (fathoms) (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)

Enter gear ID from top of page

Number of skates or pots set

Number of skates or pots lost (if applicable) (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)

Target species code

Weight of IFQ or CDQ halibut in pounds (circle which)

Weight of IFQ sablefish in round weight, western cut, or eastern cut

Number of IFQ sablefish (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)

Weight of CR crab in pounds

Number of CR crab

Estimated total round weight of all other species (circle lb or mt)

If using hook-and-line gear, bird avoidance gear code

Discard/disposition species information

Date of discard/disposition

Whether records are in pounds or metric tons

Daily total of discard/disposition by species and product codes

Balance forward

Cumulative total since last delivery

Delivery information

Date

ADF&G fish ticket number

Recipient's name or IFQ registered buyer

Unloading port

<b>Catcher vessel longline or pot DFL, Respondent</b>	
Number of respondents	360
Average number of fishing days/catcher vessel/year	34
<b>Total annual responses</b> (360 x 34)	<b>12,240</b>
Hours per response (28/60)	0.47 hr
<b>Total Time burden</b> (12240 x 0.47)	<b>5753 hr</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>\$613,125</b>
Cost for maintenance of DFL (\$25 x 5753 hr = 143825)	
Cost to file and retain DFL (1 hr/wk x 52 x \$25 = 1300)	
Cost to file and retain DFL (\$1,300 x 360 = 468000)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b>	<b>\$3600</b>
Cost to submit yellow copy of DFL by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 360)	

<b>Catcher Vessel longline or pot DFL, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>12,240</b>
<b>Total Burden Time</b>	<b>540 hr</b>

Time requirement to prepare and mail one DFL ( $30/60 = 0.5$ )	
Time requirement for mailing all DFLs ( $360 \times .5 = 180$ )	
Time requirement for filing and retaining one DFL ( $15/60 = 0.25$ )	
Time requirement for filing and retaining ( $360 \times 4 \times .25 = 360$ hr)	
<b>Total personnel cost</b> ( $\$25 \times 540$ )	<b>\$13,500</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b>	<b>\$8520</b>
(\$25 x 32 hr for receipt and data handling = \$800)	
(\$25 x 80 hr for mailing = \$1,600)	
(\$12 x 360 for printing of logbook = \$4320)	
(\$5 x 360 for postage to mail each logbook = \$1800)	

#### d. **Catcher/processor Longline and Pot Gear Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (DCPL)**

Participants to record daily fishing and processing activities in order to stay within fishing quotas use the DCPL. OLE and the USCG to perform onboard audits to ensure appropriate and accurate recordkeeping use the DFL. With this action, the Longline or Pot Gear DCPL is revised to accommodate recording of crab by operators of catcher/processors harvesting and processing CR crab. This action will add 6 catcher/processors to the Longline or Pot Gear DCPL.

##### **Catcher/processor Longline and Pot Gear DCPL**

Page number

Date (m-d-y)

Name and ADF&G processor code of catcher/processor

Federal fisheries permit number or Federal crab vessel permit number

Name and signature of operator

If inactive, start and end dates of inactive period, and reason for inactivity

Federal reporting area of catch

Observer information

Number of observers onboard

Name of observer(s)

Observer cruise number(s)

Crew size

Indicate type of harvest gear. If hook-and-line

Whether fixed gear (conventional or tub), autoline, or snap

Length of skate (ft)

Hook size, spacing (ft) and number per skate

Operator IFQ permit number

Crew IFQ permit numbers

If CDQ

CDQ group number

Halibut CDQ permit number.

If in special Management program, if YES, check type and enter identification number

Catch by set information

Set number

Date and time gear deployed

Date and time gear retrieved

Location of set

Buoy or bag number (an optional identification number of a buoy or bag, used to mark location)

Begin and end position in lat and long

Begin and end depth (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)

Gear ID from top of page

Number of skates or pots set

Number of skates or pots lost (if applicable) (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)

Species code and round catch weight of IR/IU species

Target species code

Weight of IFQ or CDQ halibut in pounds (circle which)  
 Weight of IFQ sablefish in round weight, western cut, or eastern cut (pounds)  
 Number of IFQ sablefish (optional, but may be required by IPHC regulations)  
 Weight of CR crab in lb  
 Number of CR crab  
 Estimated total round weight of all other species ; circle to indicate whether lb or mt  
 If using hook-and-line gear, bird avoidance gear code

Production information

Whether recorded in pounds or metric tons  
 Daily total of products by species and product codes  
 Balance forward  
 Weekly cumulative total.

Discard/disposition species information

Whether recorded in pounds, metric tons, or numbers  
 Daily total of discard/disposition by species and product codes  
 Balance forward  
 Weekly cumulative total

<b>Catcher/processor longline or pot gear DCPL, Respondent</b>	
Number of respondents	84
Average recording time/processor response	.68 hr
Average number of receiving or processing days/processor/year	200
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>15,600</b>
<b>Total Burden Time</b> for all responses (84 x 200 x .68)	<b>11,424</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>\$478.400</b>
Maintenance of DCPL (\$25 x 15600 hr=390000)	
File and retain DCPL (1 hr/wk x 52 x \$20) \$1,040	
Cost to Respondent to file and retain DCPL (\$1,040 x 84=87360)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b>	<b>\$840</b>
Submit DCPL sheets by mail each quarter \$2.50	
Mail (84 x 4 x \$2.50=840)	

<b>Catcher/processor longline or pot gear DCPL, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total of responses</b>	<b>15.600</b>
Number of quarterly submittals/processor/year	4
<b>Total Burden Time</b>	<b>76 hr</b>
Review, data entry, and filing each quarter (84 x 4 x .1=33.6)	
Prepare and mail one DCPL (30/60 min= 0.5)	
Mailing all DCPLs (84 x .5=42)	
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>\$2310</b>
(\$25 x 33.6 hr for receipt and data handling = \$840)	
(\$25 x 42 hr for mailing = \$1050)	
(\$5 x 84 for postage to mail each logbook = \$420)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> (\$15 x 84 for printing of logbook)	<b>\$1260</b>

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the following paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

A PTR may be completed on-screen, printed and submitted to OLE by fax or by attachment to an e-mail. About 50 percent of the industry uses the electronic e-mail attachment to submit the PTR. A VAR may be completed on-screen, printed and submitted to OLE by fax or by attachment to an e-mail. About 20 percent of the industry uses the electronic e-mail attachment to submit the VAR. NMFS is pursuing an Internet method in the future whereby the completion of a PTR or VAR on-screen will be submitted directly and automatically into a database.

At this point in time, only paper logbooks are available for catcher vessels and catcher/processors using longline or pot gear, although NMFS Alaska Region is actively pursuing electronic submittal methods, with the goal of providing easy, efficient data entry for participants in the fisheries of the EEZ of Alaska.

Prototype groundfish software is available from a private company in Alaska to be used in place of the paper logbooks for catcher vessels using trawl gear. This electronic DFL may be used by the industry for management purposes as well as for complying with NMFS Alaska Region recordkeeping and reporting requirements. About ten percent of the trawl-gear catcher vessels use this software in lieu of the trawl gear DFL. NMFS' future plans include optional replacement of the catcher vessel paper logbooks with electronic logbooks submitted daily.

NMFS is working in other management programs to provide electronic submittal for participants; in the IFQ program (see OMB 0648-0272) and in the Crab Rationalization Program landing reports (see OMB 0648-0505).

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

None of the information collected as part of this information collection duplicates other collections. This information collection is part of a specialized and technical program that is not like any other.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The proposed collection-of-information does not impose a significant impact on small businesses.

**6. Describe the consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection would not be or would be conducted less frequently.**

The intent of this action is to implement some of the BSAI crab fisheries recordkeeping and reporting requirements by using existing forms and logbooks, when available. Without the specified recordkeeping and reporting scheme described in this Supporting Statement, NMFS Alaska Region would be unable to proceed with the program.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with the OMB guidelines.**

A PTR is required each time an operator, manager, IFQ Registered Buyer, or Registered Crab Receiver transfers IFQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, CDQ halibut, non-IFQ groundfish, donated prohibited species, or CR crab from the original landing site to another location. This submittal is necessary for OLE to monitor storage and movement of fish and crab on a real-time basis in order to perceive potential illegal activities.

A VAR is required when a fishing vessel crosses into or out of the EEZ off the coast of Alaska with fish or crab onboard. This would generally happen no more than twice a year for some vessels. Many vessels do not make this crossing, or make the crossing without fish onboard and therefore are not required to submit a VAR.

Recording fishing activities in the DFL or DCPL is required daily. This frequency is necessary for monitoring and enforcement purposes through onboard audits.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

The NMFS Alaska Region submitted the attached proposed rule (69 FR 63200, October 29, 2004) requesting comments from the public. Although many comments were received, no comments regarding this specific collection were received.

**9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payment or gift is provided under this program.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) and under 16 U.S.C. 1862(j). It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

The estimated total of respondents is 1,431. The estimated total number of responses is 95,174, up from 86,846. The estimated total annual burden hours are 41,219, up from 36,705. The estimated total personnel cost is \$2,095,955, up from \$1,397,140.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

The estimated total annual miscellaneous cost burden is \$199,390, up from \$188,162.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

The estimated total burden is 11,546, up from 10,845 hours. The estimated total personnel cost is \$261,780, up from \$243,695.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

This action is a program change. The PTR, VAR, catcher vessel longline or pot gear DFL, and the catcher/processor longline or pot gear DCPL were created for use by participants in the groundfish fisheries and IFQ fisheries. With this action, CR crab participants revise these forms and logbooks for additional use.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

The information collected will not be published, and no statistical sampling of the information is planned.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

In accordance with OMB requirements, the control number and the expiration date of OMB approval are shown on the forms and logbooks.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

This information collection does not request exceptions to the certification statement.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

**Appendix I: Crab Rationalization Program Numbers in Context of Complete Alaska  
Region Logbook Family of Forms Program**

	679 crab R&R Respondents				
	Status	Burden	Responses	\$Personnel	\$Misc
CV TRW DFL	No change	3,621	12,070	441,620	3,550
<b>Catcher Vessel Longline or Pot Gear Daily Fishing Logbook (CV LGL DFL)</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>12,240</b>	<b>613,125</b>	<b>3,600</b>
Catcher Vessel Trawl Gear Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (CP TRW DCPL)	No change	3,200	6,400	97,280	320
<b>Catcher/Processor Longline or Pot Gear Daily Cumulative Production Logbook( CP LGL DCPL)</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>11424</b>	<b>15600</b>	<b>477360</b>	<b>840</b>
Mothership Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (MS DCPL)	No change	3,848	7,400	115,440	370
Shoreside Processor Daily Cumulative Production Logbook (SS DCPL)	No change	2,600	5,000	78,000	250
Buying Station Report (BSR)	No change	1,018	2,680	20,360	134
Mothership or Catcher/Processor Check-in/Check-Out Report (MSCP CHK)	No change	529	4,410	10,580	25,560
Shoreside Processor Check- in/Check-Out Report (SS CHK)	No change	226	1,740	4,520	8,490
Mothership or Catcher/Processor Weekly Production Report (MSCP WPR)	No change	1,482	5,292	29,640	31,752
Shoreside Processor Weekly Production Report (SS WPR)	No change	252	900	5,040	3,420
Daily Production Report (DPR)	No change	0	0	0	0
<b>Product Transfer Report (PTR)</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>6165</b>	<b>18680</b>	<b>179325</b>	<b>112,080</b>
<b>Vessel Activity Report (VAR)</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>8225</b>	<b>8,580</b>
Weekly Cumulative Mothership ADF7G Fish Tickets (MS FISHTCKT)	No change	772	1,332	15,440	444
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>41,219</b>	<b>95,174</b>	<b>2,095,955</b>	<b>199,390</b>

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679 crab R&R Federal Government			
	Status	Burden	\$Prsnl
CV TRW DFL	No change	249	11,015
<b>CV LGL DFL</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>13500</b>
CP TRW DCPL	No change	29	1,220
<b>CP LGL DCPL</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2310</b>
MS DCPL	No change	34	1,420
SS DCPL	No change	23	960
BSR	No change	0	0
MSCP CHK	No change	750	15,000
SS CHK	No change	230	4,600
MSCP WPR	No change	2,646	52,920
SS WPR	No change	3,078	61,560
DPR	No change	0	0
<b>PTR</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>3176</b>	<b>79400</b>
<b>VAR</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>17875</b>
MS FISHTCKT	No change	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11546</b>	<b>261780</b>

<div>CATCH BY SET</div>	SET #	Date Set	Date Hauled	LOCATION OF SET				Begin & End Depth (Fath.)	IPHC Office Use Only		GEAR ID	NUMBER OF SKATES OR POTS		IR/IU Species Round Catch Weight	Target Species Code	CDQ/IFQ Halibut (Pounds)	IFQ Sable (Pounds) RO Round wt. WC Western cut EC Eastern cut	CR Crab	Estimated Haul Weights Est. Total (lbs. or mt.)	Bird Avoidance Gear		
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Shipper	Federal Fisheries or Processor permit No.  IFQ Registered Buyer Permit No.  RCR Permit No.	Representative Name  Telephone No.  Fax No.		Date and Time of Product Transfer  Start  Finish	
Receiver	Federal Fisheries or Processor Permit No. (if any)	Position of Product Transfer (Lat/Long) <i>(Mothership or Catcher/processor Only)</i>		Port or Location of Transfer	
Mode of Transportation and Intended Route					

PRODUCTS SHIPPING						Is this a <input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL OFFLOAD or a <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL OFFLOAD <i>Mothership or Catcher/Processor ONLY</i> If partial offload, record amount and type of product remaining onboard after this transfer <b>AMOUNT AND TYPE OF PRODUCT REMAINING ONBOARD</b>					
Species Code	Product Code	Species Weight*	No. of Units	Unit Wt. (lb or kg)	Total Weight (lb or kg)	Species Code	Product Code	Amount (lb or kg)	Species Code	Product Code	Amount (lb or kg)

\*This column to be used only for scale weight of multiple species within one unit only

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GEAR ID	✓ GEAR TYPE				LENGTH OF SKATE (feet)	HOOK		
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COMMENTS

DATE	ADFA&FISH TICKET NO.	RECIPIENT'S NAME OR IFO REGISTERED BUYER	UNLOADING PORT	IPHC USE ONLY

- ☐ Original Report
- ☐ Revised Report

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Vessel Name				RCR Permit No.		Federal Fisheries Permit No.			
Vessel Type: (circle one) Catcher/Processor    Catcher Vessel    Mothership			Representative Name		Telephone No.		FAX No.		
COMSAT No.									
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		Depart Report				Is vessel departing to fish in the Russian zone?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Date and time vessel will cross the EEZ off Alaska or U.S./Canada International boundary					Lat./Long. at point of crossing EEZ off Alaska or U.S./Canada International boundary				

A1-BSAI EEZ	A2-GOA EEZ	B-State waters of Alaska	C-State waters other than Alaska	D-Donut Hole	F-Foreign waters other than Russia
I-International waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts			R-Russian waters	S-Seamounts in international waters	U-U.S. EEZ other than Alaska

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